

1. A media distribution system having a server which distributes media information transmitted by a first terminal to a second terminal, said server comprising:

means for converting said media information into media information to be output according to said media decoding capability acquired.

means for acquiring a destination of said media
information received;

means for converting said media information into media information to be output according to said media decoding capability of said second terminal; and

3. A multi-media conversion server comprising:

means for receiving character information addressed to a second terminal by a first terminal;

speech signal conversion means for converting said character information into a speech signal;

video signal synthesis means for synthesizing a video signal corresponding to said speech signal;

speech synthesis means for encoding said speech signal in one of formats which allow said second terminal to receive and decode such signal;

video encoding means for encoding said video signal in one of formats which allow said second terminal to receive and decode such signal; and

means for adding the synthesized speech stream and the synthesized video stream to said character information, and sending such streams to said second terminal.

4. A multi-media conversion server of claim 3, further comprising means for acquiring format information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal, wherein said speech synthesis means and said video synthesis means are configured to perform synthesizing operations using said format information.

5. A multi-media conversion server of claim 3, further comprising means for presenting a plurality of speech types to be converted and a plurality of video types to be synthesized to said first terminal, and instructing to select and specify each one type from among the speech and video types;

6. A multi-media terminal wherein communication is executed between the multi-media terminal and a multi-media conversion server of claim 5, comprising:

executed between the multi-media terminal and a multi-media conversion server of claim 5, comprising:

means for presenting said speech type to be

a function for presenting said video type, and synthesizing the video selection information selected;

wherein the input character information and the synthesized speech selection information as well as the synthesized video selection information are transmitted.

means for receiving video information addressed to a terminal from a first terminal;

means for comparing a video format of said received

video information with a video format that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

if any corresponding video format which allows the second terminal to receive and decode the received video information is not available as a result of said comparison, means for selecting one video format that can be received and decoded by said second terminal, and converting said entered video information into that of the video format thus selected; and

means for transmitting said converted video information to said second terminal.

8. A multi-media conversion server comprising:

means for receiving video information addressed to a second terminal from a first terminal;

means for acquiring screen size information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

means for comparing the screen size of said received video information with screen size information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

if the screen size of the received video information is larger than the screen size that can be received and decoded by said second terminal as a result of the foregoing comparison, means for converting said entered video information into that of the screen size that can be received and decoded by said second terminal; and

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

